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Commissioner Robert Taub, Chairman
Commissioner Tony Hammond, Vice Chairman
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Commissioner Mark Acton
Postal Regulatory Commission
901 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 200
Washington, DC 20268

RE: Docket No. RM2017-3

Dear Commissioners:

We join the Alliance of Nonprofit Mailers in urging you to reconsider your proposal to increase postage rates several times the rate of inflation. Increases that are estimated to reach 7 percent a year, or 40 percent compounded for five years, will not reform the United States Postal Service and will have a major negative impact on both the agency and its customers.

As a nonprofit, we rely on mail for the majority of our fundraising revenues. But we operate on a limited, fixed fundraising budget each year. So, if postage goes up as much as you contemplate, we will be forced to greatly reduce our mailings. This will have a disastrous impact on our revenue and our mission.

Our mission is to protect, promote and ensure the financial security, health, and well-being of current and future generations of Americans. Founded over 30 years ago by President Franklin D. Roosevelt's son James Roosevelt, the National Committee has been the most aggressive defender of Medicare and Social Security, programs that keep millions of seniors out of poverty. We provide educational information to the public and to our members as well as engage both in advocacy campaigns.

Postage increases totaling 40 percent over the next five years will have a massive impact on our mission and the people we serve. Our educational, fundraising, and advocacy programs will be reduced and our ability to serve our members and to advocate on their behalf will be severely diminished. This is due to the reduction in our ability to advocate before Congress to prevent cuts to Social Security and Medicare, to advocate for badly needed expansions of these programs, and to provide them with educational information that allows them to follow the ebb and flow of policy discussions of vital interest to them.

Please do the right thing reconsider your proposal.


Very Respectfully,



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